Pay scales of IDPL Supervisors

1381. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supervisors in the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited are still getting their salaries in the old pay scales since the expiry of wage agreement on 30th September, 1985;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no interim relief has been paid to the supervisors of the Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited with effect from 1st January, 1986; and

(c) if the answers to parts (a) & (b) above be in the affirmative what action is being taken to revise the pay-scales and also to pay the interim relief to the supervisors of the company?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Necessary action has been initiated.

Ban on recruitment and promotions in the IDPL

1382. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a ban on recruitment and promotions in the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited;

(b) if so, by when the ban is likely to be lifted; and

(c) what is the number of employees affected due to the ban on promotions?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Because of severe capacity under utilisation and accumulated losses, promotions and recruitments in the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. have been restricted to the barest essentials only.

(b) The restrictions will be relaxed at the appropriate time when the situation improves.

(c) Employees are not economically affected as Career Development Grades are in operation in the Company.

Prices of Analgin and Rifampicin Combinations

1383. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the manufacturers of Analgin combinations and Rifampicin combinations are selling their products at much higher prices than the approved ones;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these combinations were under price control under DPCO, 1979 and under DPCO, 1987;

(c) whether his Ministry is keeping any record of price fixations; and

(d) if so, what are the approved prices of these combinations and at what prices are the various packs being sold?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No instance of over charging the price of Analgin combinations and Rifampicin combinations in violation of provisions of Drugs (Price Control) Order has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The number of formulations containing Analgin and Rifampicin as well as the number of companies marketing them is very large. The details required in the question are, therefore, quite voluminous and are not readily available. Time and efforts required for collection of the same will not be commensurate with the results to be achieved.